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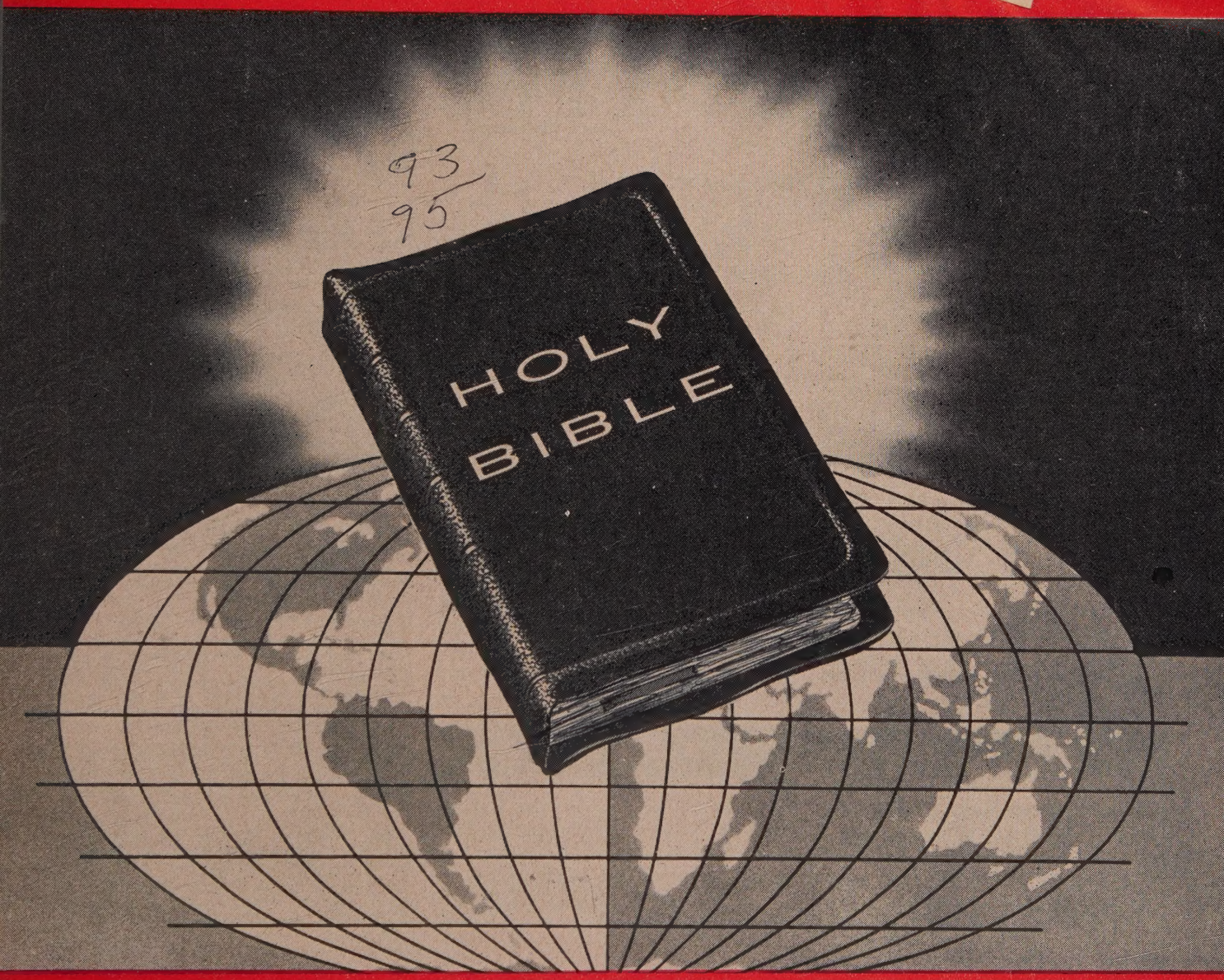

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Readers Say—

For the Record

To the Editor:

Thank you very much for sending the copies of the August 15 issue of *Action* carrying our material on missionary radio throughout the world.

There is one rather mistaken statement, however, which I wish to call to your attention—on page 5, next to the last paragraph. World Conference on Missionary Radio is *not* organized in The World Radio Missionary Fellowship. *That* organization is the one headed by Dr. Clarence W. Jones, with headquarters at Talcottville, Conn., in the U.S., sponsoring Radio Station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, together with a Bible Institute and medical work in Ecuador. WCMR is not an organization as such, but rather an attempt to pool know-how, resources, information, etc., for the promotion of greater efficiency among all foreign missionary radio broadcasters in the world.

MRS. HARLOW W. PARSONS

Ballston Spa, N. Y.

The Menace of Zionism

To the Editor:

American Christians, particularly Baptists, Pentecostals, and other Fundamentalists, in their acceptance of Zionism have been basely misled with regard to the present world situation.

The real facts are amply authenticated, but are persistently suppressed by the same powerful forces which are laboring with much success to completely secularize our schools, paganize our Sundays, and drive evangelical broadcasting off the air. These forces, by the help of Satan, can color or suppress news at will, and have often done so. A case in point is the complete hoodwinking of the public as to the nature and designs of the new Israeli state. Even United States Senators were unable to secure data until it was far too late for it to be of use in forestalling world disaster.

The Zionist movement is not sponsored by descendants of Abraham, in the main, but by designing Khazar Russians. Those same Khazars brought about the enslavement of Russia and of China, and by foul means have entrenched themselves in our own State Department. Every officer of our government who unearths the facts and, shocked at their enormity, attempts to disclose them, promptly finds himself ousted and discredited, and a laughing stock or the butt of veiled insinuations in the press.

The slaughter and exile of Arabs stands as one of the most inhuman acts in all history. Our government has lent itself to all these horrible and unchristian things. And the reason it was able to do it, without arousing public indignation, was the sentimental and unrealistic attitude of Christians, who had been misled by Zionist propaganda.

The Fundamentalists of America must accept a large share of blame for this. They were proof against the infiltration of Modernism, but they were not proof against this even more insidious attack. Can not the NAE, with its great following of consecrated and intelligent people, throw its strength toward uncovering this evil and saving our beloved land from its powerful grip?

GRACE REESE ADKINS

Fayetteville, Ark.

Christian Labor Union

To the Editor:

When John W. Holmes of Carnegie, Pa., asked in your Sept. 15th issue: "Are Unions Christian?" he seemed to take for granted that all labor unions are non-Christian. No doubt he is right when he finds much in the ordinary American labor union that is not Christian. I would, however, refer him to at least one labor union association which is Christian in principle and practice—the Christian Labor Association, office: 1600 Buchanan Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

PAUL DEKOEKKOEK

Zillah, Wash.

Reds and Romanists

To the Editor:

A magazine editor told me the other day that periodically an FBI agent and a Roman Catholic priest visit his office and go through his files in search of subversive matter.

Why the priest? I can see some reason for the FBI, but why the priest? Is there some collusion between the FBI and the Roman Catholic Church? Is this a phase in a move toward the ultimate supremacy of the Church in governmental affairs?

Eighty to a hundred thousand Reds give the USA political convulsions, but what about the rise and the spread of the power of the Roman Catholic hierarchy? The tax write-off of the Church on business and investment property is already terrific; sixty-six per cent of all government chaplains are Roman Catholic priests; many of the religions pay no income tax; $100,000,000 has been given to Roman Catholic hospitals outright by the government; millions in foodstuffs and other government surplus have been given to their schools and other institutions; Spain is getting tremendous subsidies for military base space and because of the union of Church and State the Vatican is getting a big slice. I could go on and on with the recital of unquestioned facts.

What are Protestants and good, red-blooded Americans doing about it? We should fight the Red menace, but what about the Roman menace?

P. E. ROLL

Clinton, Ill.

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3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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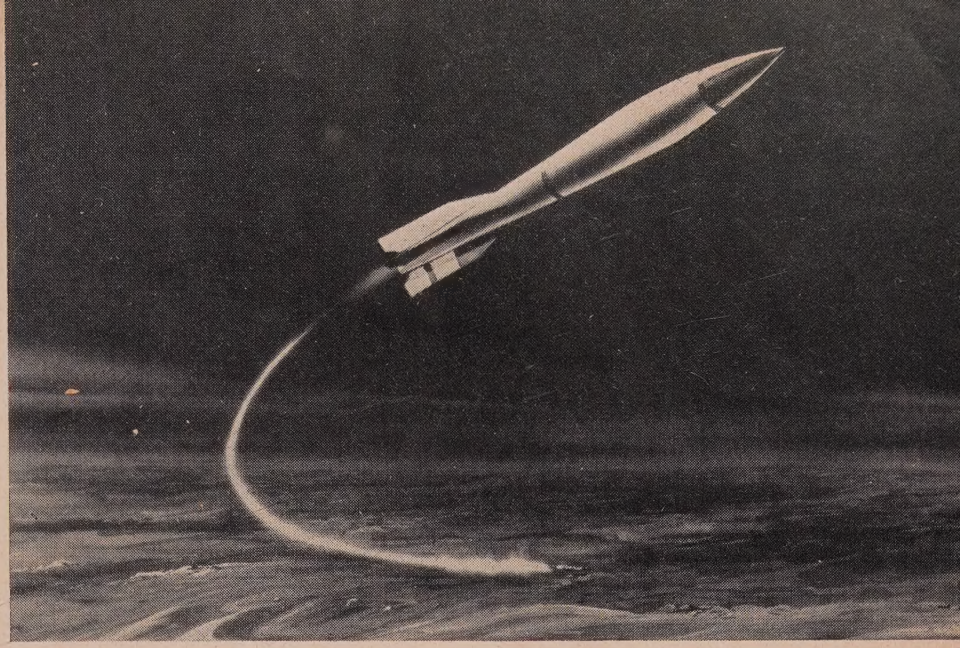

LET US SAY IT AGAIN AND AGAIN!

There is nothing particularly new in this article but its dynamic message contains the hope of a lost world

By FRANK E. ALLEN*

THE WORLD is sitting on a powder keg due primarily to the rapid growth of Red Communism. That Communism would have spread so widely and become so powerful few would have believed a few years ago. Today it rules at least one third of the people of the world.

Why has this anti-religious, anti-capitalistic, tyrannous system spread so fast and so far?

Communism's Menace

The leaders of Communism have yielded to the temptation offered by Satan to Jesus when he offered Him the kingdoms of the world with the attractive promise that he would give Him all of them if He would fall down and worship him. They have sought power and have gotten control of many of the nations of the world. Satan has long deceived the leaders of many lands and enticed them to become tyrants by offering them kingdoms and power. To read much of the history of Greece and Rome is to read the history of one tyrant after another. We all know the history of recent tyrants who have fallen, as the Kaiser, Hitler and Mussolini. They yielded to the temptation which Jesus rejected. Today the leaders in Russia and several other countries are biting on the same hook which Satan dangled before the tyrants of old.

Communism grows not only because many leaders have been deceived, but because masses of men have been deceived by its propaganda fostered by Satan, the father of lies. Communist leaders are notably untruthful, not only in giving out false propaganda, but they have used every conceivable means to keep their followers from learning the truth about the world. They deny the masses news and radio reports and personal contacts with the free world.

This system has also grown and continues to grow because of a reaction to other totalitarian organizations which have been oppressive. In Russia, the great center of Communism, there was a reaction to the totalitarian power and persecution of the Czar and the hierarchy of the Greek Catholic church. The Czar was regarded as the political head of the church. The religion of this church was corrupt, formal and inconsistent, and it was a bitter persecutor of multitudes. Under the Czars thousands were exiled to Siberia where they languished and died long before the Communists came into power in Russia. The Soviet so-called "liberators" proposed to make all men free and equal, abolish the wealth of great landlords and the extensive holdings of the Greek church.

In eastern European countries, as Poland, Hungary, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Austria, Communism is a reaction against the totalitarianism of the Roman Catholic church. Recently we asked a minister from Poland if Communism was not a reaction against the wealthy landlords. He replied that the largest landholdings had been the property of the Roman Catholic church. This is largely true in other Catholic countries of Europe.

Communism has also grown because of a reaction to heathenism, its ignorance and resultant poverty. The Reds promise more land for the peasant, better wages for the workman, less graft in government, and better conditions for all. A Chinese gentleman, who was in this country studying agriculture, spoke at one of our clubs some years ago representing the Chinese people as welcoming the growth of Communism as over against the regime of the Kuomintang government. He insisted that where Communism had taken control of China at that time freedom of religion had been allowed and the people generally were being benefited. Now that Communism has gotten a firm hold of China conditions have changed, the food of some areas was taken to Russia leaving the people in a starving condition, Christians are being persecuted and the bitter rule of the totalitarian has been clamped down upon them.

Communism has appealed to the masses as a reaction against greed and the opulence of the exceedingly rich. In most of the eastern countries there have been some who have been fabulously wealthy while the masses have been pitifully poor. Among the common people there is naturally a dislike for such contrasts. Communism has promised to seize the wealth of the rich and so divide it that all will have plenty. Those who espouse Communism expect to be lifted from a state of poverty over night to a condition which enables them to live on easy street. The full stomach has been in all ages one of the greatest appeals of

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the politician. Sometimes such promises have been made honestly, but more often with the purpose of gaining power. What the Communist leaders have sought is power, and when they have gained the controlling power they become more oppressive than those who have gone before. At first they do not speak out declaring their real aim as did Rehoboam of old, but later they show that whereas the bourgeoisie have chastised them with whips they will chastise them with scorpions.

Not all the people are deceived by Communism in Communist-controlled lands. Reports which seem to be accurate indicate that the great majority are not in sympathy with the Communist regime in Russia, and the same is true of China. A vast number fled before the North Korean and Chinese Communist armies indicating that they would rather risk freezing and starvation than remain under the Communists in North Korea. Many guerilla bands are fighting Communism in China, and as the oppression increases the number of such bands will increase.

A World in Sin

In the providence of God Communism seems to be allowed to threaten the world because of the sins of the world. This includes our nation, therefore it is the duty of Christians to point out our guilt and plead for nationwide repentance.

Any earnest Christian who is willing to open his eyes cannot but see sin on every hand. If we consider the moral law as summed up in the Ten Commandments we can readily see how these laws are broken and our nation is guilty in the sight of God.

I. Great numbers of our people, perhaps the majority, will not own God as their Lord. God pronounces judgment upon a nation that forgets Him. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Ps. 9:17).

Our nation, as an organized unit or moral person, receives its existence and authority from God, and should acknowledge in its charter or fundamental law the Author of its being and Source of its authority. "The kingdom is the Lord's, and he is the governor among the nations" (Ps. 22:28). "The nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted" (Isa. 60:12). "Jesus Christ— the Prince of the kings of the earth" (Rev. 1:5). "Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry., and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him" (Ps. 2:10-12). To kiss the Son is equivalent to saying, give homage to Him, love, acknowledge and honor Him: if kings or nations refuse to do this He will be angry and cause them to perish.

II. There are those in our land who set up images, bow down to them and actually worship them. thus breaking the Second Commandment. God distinctly forbids the making of any image or the likeness of anything in heaven or in earth for the purpose of worship. Among the great sins of our nation are the worship of money, of pleasure, of beauty and of fame.

III. There are multitudes in our land who dishonor God's name. Profanity is heard on the streets, in homes, among children, among workmen, and on every hand in the armed services. God declares most distinctly that He will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

IV. God commands that one day in seven be kept as a holy day, yet all across the nation men pay little attention to it in observing it as a day of rest, worship and devout meditation. Men and women are playing, traveling, drinking, carousing on the Lord's Day more than on other days, forgetting God's command, the welfare of their souls and the good of the land. The slaughter on our highways is greater than on other days except on special holidays. God punished nations of old for breaking this command and we may well believe that He will punish them again.

V. The Fifth Commandment requires the giving of honor to superiors, which includes not only parents, but those in civil and ecclesiastical authority. Ask our school teachers and they will tell you that there is less and less respect for authority in the youth of our land. God promises a blessing of long life to those who keep this commandment, and the opposite must be true for those who break it.

VI. God commands, "Thou shalt not kill." One cannot read the papers or listen to reports on the radio without being shocked at the number of murders and suicides day after day. Men seem to regard life very lightly. Jesus points out the fact that the man who hates his neighbor without cause is guilty of breaking this commandment. How small are the excuses which arouse hatred of man to man, and nation against nation, which lead to violence. It is reliably reported that there were 40,660 deaths last year caused by automobile accidents and a large proportion of these are due to drunkenness. Liquor is a great killer and our nation is responsible for licensing this death-dealing monster in our midst.

VII. Another command of God is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." That this command is often violated is shown in frequent divorce cases, the great number of illegitimate children and the prevalence of venereal disease. The breaking of this command is evidently very common both in civilian and military life. After the Moabitish women had enticed the men of Israel to break this commandment, God allowed a plague to break out which destroyed 24,000 before it was stayed (Num. 25). History may well repeat itself in America.

VIII and IX. God forbids stealing and lying, but how many men are there today who can be trusted to stand by their word of promise without a written contract? Even with a contract it is often difficult to force them to stand true to their word. Truth is now a "relative term."

X. From the actions of men it is easy to see that vast numbers covet that which is not theirs. The civil courts are kept busy with cases in which one man covets another's property. The divorce courts are kept busy with cases in which one man covets another's wife. Wars are frequent because one nation covets another's territory.

The Word of God is given as a rule for individual, social and national life. This Word, the Bible, should be read and studied by us as individuals in our homes and in our schools. It was declared long ago that it was the source of Britain's enlightenment and civilization, and it is equally our source of freedom and progress. Yet godless men have persuaded some of our states to rule the Bible out of our schools by law and some of our courts declare that even the reading of the Bible in our schools is unconstitutional, leaving multitudes of our children to grow up without the knowledge of God, of the moral law, or a correct conception of sin and evil, and thus to become delinquents and ultimately criminals. Very few have been condemned by our criminal courts who had a sound Christian training in their youth.

Sins of the Church

Many, even among professed followers of Christ, are inviting the judgments of God by their manner of life. There is much indifference to spiritual growth and worship. A recent published statement declares that 1,000 rural churches are being closed every year; that only 28 per cent of the people of our nation regularly attend church, and that there are $750 spent on worldly pleasures for each 50 cents

spent on religion. How few professed Christians read the Bible with any degree of frequency, and how many do not read it at all! There are some churches in which the Bible is not read during the entire service and no Scripture text is quoted. How few seem seriously interested in spiritual things!

Stewardship Viewed Lightly

The members of the church at large place little importance upon the stewardship of life, nor do they, as a rule, take seriously their duty as stewards of the means which God has given them. Many who spend money lavishly on games, shows and luxuries act greatly embarrassed when asked to give for charity or for the church. If in these days of plentiful money the members of the church throughout the nation were to give a tithe of their net income, there would be overflowing treasuries in the various departments of the church. There would be abundance to carry forward her mission work at home and abroad, her charitable work, her social work and her varied functions.

Many who have the Bible do not use it. Many who use it make a wrong use of it, denying portions of it and giving unreasonable interpretations to much of it. How different is this spirit from that of the Psalmist who said: "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.—How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Ps. 119: 97, 103).

Great numbers of church members make the Lord's Day merely one of pleasure. Worldly pleasures tend to creep in more and more and rob men of the blessings of the Sabbath. God has promised, "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words," that he will bless the individuals, the church and the nation, "for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isa. 58:13, 14).

What Shall We Do?

What then should we do in this critical hour?

We should repent with a true and contrite spirit. We should humble ourselves before God, pray earnestly to Him and trust Him. He is the Lord of hosts and able and mighty to save. It is not enough to say, "I will utter a prayer to God," unless there is true faith, genuine repentance and a firm resolve to turn from sin. God warned Israel through Isaiah that unless they repented and turned from their sins they might pray with uplifted hands but he would not hear (Isa. 1:4-20). God has promised that if there is war or if there are plagues in the land, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14). We cannot place all the blame on greedy capitalists, corrupt politicians, and gangsters, for sins of all kinds have pervaded our land.

God Is Judge

We are warned against becoming indifferent and unmindful of judgment as men did in the days of Noah. We should not become careless because our Lord delays His coming, and, as many do, become cruel, "eat and drink with the drunken." Christ will come in a day when these look not for Him and in an hour of which they are not aware, and will appoint them their portion with the hypocrites, "there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 24:36-51).

Jesus affirmed that those men of Galilee whom Pilate slew, or those men on whom the tower of Siloam fell were not sinners above all others: "but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:1-5). The time to repent is now, before the judgments of God fall on the world in terrible severity. When Jonah was sent to call the king and the people of Nineveh to repent and they repented sincerely God heard and saved the city.

God has allowed terrible judgments to fall on the world within the memory of most of us. The first World War cost millions of lives and billions of property. That war was followed by one of the most wide-spread and terrible plagues that ever devastated the world, sweeping men and women to death by the thousands in the east and the west. It was not long until there was a great depression which cost multitudes the loss of their property, their livelihood and great anxiety. That was soon followed by World War II which was more devastating than the first. And yet with all this there was no general repentance, rather an increase in the volume and depth of sin.

Now universal atomic war seems to hang over us, yet politicians and military leaders talk only of arms, armies, munitions of war and united armies to resist the enemy. They seem scarcely to recognize that God has power over the nations; that they are in His hand as the dust of the balance (Isa. 40:15), and so far as they speak of Divine power it is in an indifferent and formal manner. They seem to forget that the sins of drunkenness, immorality, profanity, Sabath breaking, skepticism and atheism are widely prevalent; that such sins are an offence to God and merit His judgments. As Isaiah and Jeremiah in the days of Israel's apostasy, as Abraham Lincoln in the days of threatened disaster during the Civil War, they should call our nation—all the United Nations—to repentance and reformation under the hand of God.

If our nation is to stand as a bulwark against the rising tide of Communism and receive power from on high she must have clean hands. There are many who think that because we have repudiated Communism we are not guilty of any significant sin. We have pointed out some of our sins, not to bring an accusation against our nation, but to show our people and our leaders that we are guilty of breaking all the commands of the decalogue, and the only way to gain favor with God is to repent and turn from our sins.

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Liquor Advertising Should Be Prohibited

By C. AUBREY HEARN

FOR SEVERAL sessions of Congress bills have been introduced in both houses which would make liquor advertising unlawful in interstate commerce. While these bills have not passed, the public hearings upon them have created much interest in the subject. Those who testified on behalf of the bills made excellent arguments which may be summarized as follows:

1. *The commercial expansion of the liquor business is not in the public interest.*—Liquor is no ordinary commodity. It is so dangerous that its sale is permitted only under special license with many restrictions. Any increase in the drinking of beer, wine, and whiskey, or other alcoholic beverages results in an increase in alcoholism, crime, pauperism, and corruption in government. When legislation seeks to control and restrict the liquor business, it is a contradiction and an inconsistency to permit liquor to be advertised. Because the main purpose of liquor advertising is to increase consumption, such advertising is therefore against the public interest. When magazines and radio and television stations take cover under the cloak of legality to justify their acceptance of liquor advertising, they are doing it for the sake of financial revenue, not to meet public need.

2. *Television puts an unwanted bar room in every home.*—It is difficult for parents to prevent such advertising from reaching their children. Many of the beer commercials are included between programs which appeal to children. Some of the programs are sponsored by breweries and wineries. Some of the commercials use young people. Catchy tunes, songs, and jingles are apparently used to appeal to children. How can parents who object to such advertising protect their homes without getting rid of the television set itself? That is a question which many Christian people, who do not understand why such advertising is permitted, are trying to answer.

One father testified: "I have in my home a little five-year-old daughter. This little girl knows all the jingles of the beer and wine commercials. Constant repetition on radio and television has drilled them into her mind. She knew them before she knew the nursery rhymes . . . . We are trying to teach our children to be total abstainers. Yet here is our little daughter with ideas about beer and wine already implanted in her mind and she hasn't reached school age."

Beer and wine commercials are insolent intruders, violating all canons of decency and good taste.

3. *Liquor advertising contributes to juvenile delinquency.*—It is generally acknowledged that drinking is a big factor in juvenile delinquency. At a hearing of the Senate subcommittee in San Francisco, witnesses affirmed that drinking by juveniles is the big problem in controlling delinquency. One witness complained that many parents think nothing of letting their children have a sip of wine or beer in the homes. He assailed the brewers and distillers because they tempt youngsters with foamy television commercials praising the delights of beer and plaster every fifth billboard with beautiful women drinking something alcoholic.

The Saturday Evening Post in a feature article declared: "Widespread teen-age drinking is a factor in juvenile delinquency that is little mentioned and often overlooked. Its cost to the nation may be difficult to estimate accurately either in dollars and cents or in broken lives, but it is there, nevertheless, in staggering proportions. It shows up ultimately not only as chronic alcoholism or drunken driving but also as part of the nation's bill for vandalism and theft. One witness . . . testified that a significant number of teen-age mothers of illegitimate children interviewed reported that they had been under the influence of liquor when they had engaged in illicit sexual intercourse."[1]

If drinking is responsible for much of the delinquency in America today, liquor advertising is a contributing factor. Patrick says: "Liquor advertising is one of the most important factors which are working to increase and strengthen social approval of drinking."[2]

4. *Liquor advertising is deceptive, misleading, and dishonest.*—"Much of the advertising of alcoholic beverages is based on unsupported claims expressed in superlatives which are designed to lead to popular association of drinking with symbols of culture, prestige, and respectability."[3] Liquor advertisements never show the after-effects of the use of alcohol. They show well dressed, attractive people in elegant or comfortable surroundings. They never show the Bowerys, the flophouses, the "Lost Week Ends," or the dead-end drinkers. As Francis T. Chambers, Jr., said, "One never saw a liquor advertisement with a well-dressed distinguished man being carried out of his club, feet foremost."[4] Liquor advertisements are full of glamorous pictures and testimonies but they are misleading.

5. *Liquor advertising is detrimental to the moral and spiritual life of America.*—The president of a brewery boasted, "Over the years we have progressed from the saloon to the tavern to the home—and that's good for the industry." It is good for the industry, but what does it do to the home and to the character of its occupants?

Alcohol has a degrading, brutalizing effect upon character. Under the influence of alcohol, people yield more easily to temptations. Alcohol clouds judgment, benumbs moral sensibilities. Drinking has been the key to the moral downfall of many persons.

Upon spirituality, drinking has a more devastating effect. Isaiah observed: "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; . . . but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands" (Isa. 5:11-12). Drinking leads people away from God, it blights spiritual vision, weakens spiritual influence, and obscures sensitiveness to holy things.

These are some of the reasons why liquor advertising should be prohibited.

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HOW TO LEAD YOUTH

To Faith and Discipleship

By C. N. HOSTETTER, JR.
President Messiah College

THERE ARE two harvest fields to which the church must give attention. First, the one inside the fold of the church in which we endeavor to bring our own children into a relationship of living faith and obedience to Christ. Second, the church must be concerned to win those who are outside the fold. This is the task of Christian missions and our obligation reaches around the world.

There is danger that in our concern for men and women around the world we do not sufficiently concentrate on the winning of our own sons and daughters to faith in Christ. What shall it profit a church if it go around the world to make converts and lose its own sons and daughters? To win our sons and daughters to faith in Christ and obedience to Christ is not an easy task. It does not take place automatically. It must be planned for and worked for. We must reckon with the powerful and subtle forces of evil that oppose the progress of the Kingdom of God. Like other great problems the solution is not simple. To find this answer it may be of value to endeavor to look at life through the eyes of youth.

The Nature of Youth

They who would win young people to the faith must concern themselves about understanding youth. The Master whom we serve knew what was in man. It is difficult for youth to understand themselves and very important that those who lead youth endeavor to understand them. There are certain basic emotional, intellectual and spiritual hungers that are generally found among youth. Among these are:

The Hunger for Happiness—The pursuit of happiness is one of the inalienable rights of men. It is natural that our youth seek happiness. This search sometimes inclines him toward sensual pleasure and frequently the inclination is strong to sacrifice the future for the present.

The Hunger for Security—Fear is a factor that exerts a strong influence on youth. As a shelter from fear, youth seeks security. He wants to belong to the group. He desires to be loved. He finds security in the satisfaction of this sense of belonging and in this release from fear.

Desire for Reality—Youth resents sham and pretense. He hates hypocrisy. Although youth is not always honest, he demands honesty. His search for reality is evidenced by his constant questioning and desire to investigate. He wants to know the reason why.

The Hunger for Adventure—Youth inclines to leave the beaten path and to try the new road. The thrill of new experience causes him to risk and dare to go where others hesitate.

A Longing for Hope—It is normal for youth to have high hopes. This generation has brought a measure of catastrophe and disillusionment that has crippled the normal youthful outlook. As he faces the clouded future with dim view he seeks for hope to give him courage and faith to do his work in the world. Today the heart of youth is very much like that of his elders. It is hungering for hope.

The Needs of Youth

We must recognize not only the desires of youth, but we must also look more closely at his person to find that there are certain basic needs of youth; of these basic needs frequently youth is not aware. He realizes his desires keenly but does not always recognize his deepest need. The hungers mentioned are but symptoms of a deeper problem.

Youth needs salvation because he is sinful. His intellect has been darkened; his emotions have been degraded and his will power weakened by the fact of sin. Sin affects him within and without. His sinful nature needs the regenerating touch of a Savior who will make him a new creature in Christ. He needs an inner strength to live in a sinful society and not be conformed to that society.

He needs guidance as he faces life with limited experience. By nature he "turns to his own way" because sin has made the human heart rebellious. His own experience is not adequate to guide him as he makes the important decisions that will affect the remainder of his life. This guidance is provided through the Word of God, the Holy Spirit and the teaching of the church. Youth sorely needs this guidance.

Understanding the Bible

We must not only understand youth, but we must also understand the will of God as revealed in the Scriptures if we would lead youth to faith in Christ and discipleship. What does the Bible say about faith? "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:7). It thus becomes clear that knowledge of the truth is a pre-essential to saving faith. Youth must be confronted with the truth about God, the truth about Christ, the truth about sin, the truth about the way of salvation. This is necessary before saving faith can function.

Repentance is essential to the exercising of saving faith. "Repent ye and believe the Gospel" was the preaching of Jesus (Mark 1:15). The Apostle Paul preached "Repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." Godly sorrow for sin is essential prior to the exercise of saving faith.

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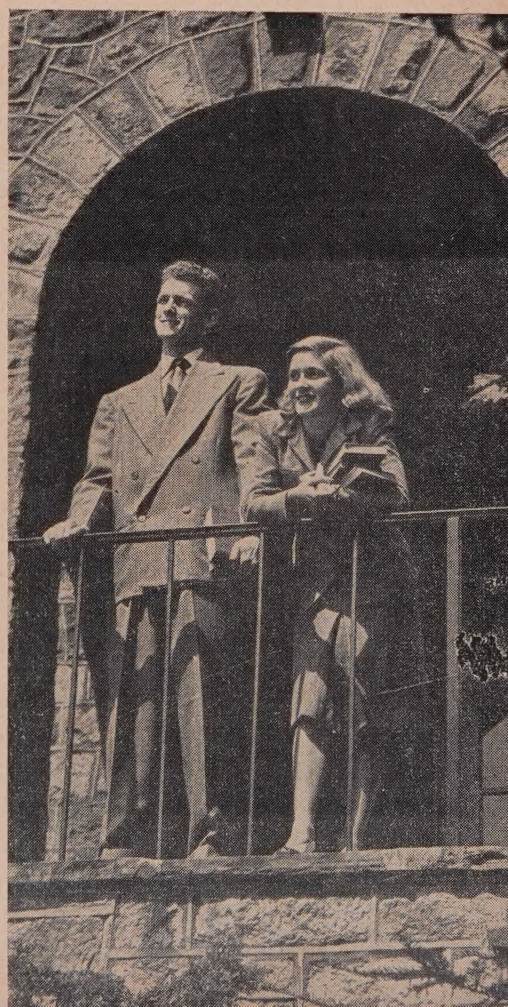

Archbishop Makarios

Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus began his speech to the National Press Club in Washington with an apology for his dual capacity as an ecclesiastical and political leader of the Cypriot Greeks. The Archbishop opposes the continuation of the British rule of Cyprus and was banished from the island by the British authorities.

He stated that his position as both a church and political leader is unique. "The Archbishop of Cyprus is not selected or appointed to that office by an ecclesiatical or other body, but is elected by the whole Greek Cypriot people by universal suffarage. This is peculiar to the Church of Cyprus, whose Archbishop is elected in two capacities; that of the spiritual and that of the national leader of the people," he stated.

"This second capacity will hold only during the continuance of foreign domination, and will automatically cease when the island obtains its freedom," he added.

The Archbishop affirmed his belief that it is proper for the head of a church to accept national leadership as well. He justified this on the grounds that the motive is freedom and self-determination which he said are "Christian principles."

The remainder of his speech and the question period which followed were concerned with political matters.

Guided Tours in China

A "misleadingly rosy picture" is coming out of Communist China as a result of the "official guided tours that show only what the Reds want seen." So says Richard L. Walker, a specialist on the Far East and Chairman of the Department of International Studies of the University of South Carolina. The statement was contained in an article published by the United States Information Agency.

Last January the National Association of Evangelicals objected to the proposed visit of American churchmen to China (which was being promoted within the National Council of Churches) on these same grounds. The State Department responded with a letter of appreciation for NAE's support of its position in disallowing travel to Red China.

The Walker article states that "organized" hospitality, standard tours and narrowly restricted itineraries are utilized by the Chinese Reds as a method of propaganda designed to include visitors to relay only favorable impressions of the "new China."

"For handling foreign visitors, the Mao regime has applied the same techniques developed by the Soviet Communists over the past four decades," he explains.

This use of identical methods for "shepherding visitors," he says, "should give pause to those who would give uncritical attention to the reports of eyewitnesses, however capable and objective they may seem."

Mr. Walker writes that the Chinese Intourist Service announced on February 21, 1957, that tourists from any country would be welcome in China. "Actually primary attention is given to the countries of Asia (especially Japan and India), with growing over-

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tures to Latin America. Peiping reported that in 1955, more than 4,700 visitors from 63 countries had come to China, and the *People's Daily* of January 21, 1957, claimed that the number for 1956 had increased to over 5,200 persons representing 75 countries."

Most visitors "do" China in about 20 days. Many, however, have stayed for as long as 40 days to two months. Their itinerary includes a train trip from Canton to Hankow and then on to Peiping. About one-third to one-half of the visit is in Peiping, in a combination of interviews, conferences, meetings, "cultural" activities and short trips outside the city, the article says.

After reading numerous accounts of trips to China, Mr. Walker concludes that most are "reports on the same model factories, farms, collectives, Shanghai kindergarten and other sights." Balanced reporting is difficult because of the language problem. Visitors must rely on the aid of interpreters.

War on Obscenity

Thirty-five key church leaders met in Washington on September 19 and formally organized the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications. Mr. Inman H. Douglass of the Christian Science Committee on Publications was elected as the Commission's President. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs of the NAE, is Secretary of the new Commission.

Mr. Fred Belen, Chief Counsel of the House Committee on the Post Office and Civil Service, told the group that "Congress wants very much to know how the churches feel about legislation against obscenity."

"A group like this is needed to improve the effectiveness of the church approach to the problem of obscenity," Belen said.

The churchmen also heard a description of the activities of a local committee in Coral Gables, Florida which ran a successful campaign against obscenity in its own community and throughout the State of Florida.

Before assembling, representatives of the Commission met with attorneys of several of the publications charged with obscenity, and with the Public Prosecutor of Union County, New Jersey. Plans were outlined whereby the distributors would set up a panel of readers to screen the publications on a voluntary basis. The effectiveness of such a plan would depend entirely on the good faith of the reading panel and the cooperation of the national distributors.

Anti-Obscenity Decision

The Supreme Court has reaffirmed its decision of last June that obscenity has no standing under the First Amendment to the Constitution respecting freedom of the press.

It did so by denying petitions for rehearing in the cases of Alberts vs. California and Roth vs. United States. In deciding those cases the court ruled, 6-3, that the federal law barring obscene books from the mails is constitutional and that a state has the right under its police powers to seize and destroy volumes that it regards as obscene.

Both defendants took issue with the court's constitutional findings and asked for an opportunity to reargue the issues on certain points. The rehearing was denied, however, without opinion.

Fordham Price Refused

Federal authorities have again refused to approve resale price of land for Fordham University (Roman Catholic) and the Performing Arts Center in New York's development in Lincoln Square. The price for the Fordham land was once set as low as $5.00 per square foot. More recently the city submitted an appraisal of $6.75 per square foot, but this also has been rejected by the Federal government. Last May the Federal agency recommended a resale price of $8.00 per square foot for the two locations. The $3.00 difference in high and low prices represents almost a million dollars for the amount of land to be purchased in the Fordham superblock.

The Fordham transaction has been of interest because of the involvement of the principle of church-state separation. Under pretext of slum clearance the City of New York and the Federal government would subsidize a new campus for a sectarian university. At the early $5.00 resale price it was estimated that the total subsidy would amount to approximately three quarters of the actual land acquisition cost.

Robert Moses, chairman of the commission administering the New York slum clearance program, has been determined that the Lincoln Square plans should go through in the form developed by his staff. In a letter to Mayor Wagner of New York the Federal administrator said that he had found Mr. Moses to be the most difficult of all the persons his agency had worked with in city programs across the country.

Meanwhile, Harris L. Present, attorney for the Lincoln Square Citizen's Committee, has initiated action in the courts, hoping to tie the project up indefinitely. He is using constitutional provisions for separation of church and state as the primary argument in his case.

Dr. Stanley Lowell of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State recently testified before a hearing in New York City and pointed out the serious violation of constitutional principle which is hidden in the present plans for redevelopment of the Lincoln Square area.

Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

A Plea for Christian Moderation in Desegregation

▪ THE DECISION of the United States Supreme Court declaring segregation of the races in the public schools to be unconstitutional has been the forerunner of an unfortunate clash between extremists on both sides of a delicate and most volatile issue.

Ever since the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constituition was adopted the Supreme Court has interpreted it in such a way as to permit separate but equal rights and privileges for white and negro citizens. When this well-established view was suddenly scrapped, largely on sociological and psychological grounds, and under circumstances which gave crass political overtones, many of us feared that a crisis might be precipitated which would set back interracial and intersectional understanding and good will for a generation.

We must recognize the fact that the Supreme Court's decision is in harmony with the constitutional guarantee of equal freedom for all citizens for all men. Most thoughtful Americans believe that legal segregation of the races in the public schools and elsewhere will inevitably come to an end in this country. But it is folly to ignore the fact that at this time there are various interpretations of these principles and various methods of their application. Social conditions under which the decision must be put into actual practice vary according to differing social philosophies and according to the social traditions of various communities and sectional areas. The Court itself must have recognized this when in an informal conference with legislators and enforcement officials it recommended a "go-slow" policy until the nation should have time to work out methods by which transition from traditional practices might be effected.

But now the crisis we feared is upon us. Not only in the South but in the North and throughout the nation force and violence have been used to speed up not only desegregation but also integration. Much of the disturbance is due to the activities of Communists and of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which seems bent on creating situations and incidents that can only lead to violence and the use of police or military force. The unfortunate rise of white citizens' councils and the revival of the infamous Ku Klux Klan are the direct result of this over-zealous program. The culminating tragedy of all this occurred in Little Rock, Arkansas, in September and the end is not yet.

More is involved in interracial relations than mere law and order. Social revolution cannot be forced at the point of bayonets or by machine guns.

The *Wall Street Journal,* commenting on the use of Federal troops at Little Rock, said, "Force is futile as a means of achieving anything beyond the merest legal requirement; indeed, it can defeat itself because the very fact of using soldiers can drive a wedge between the white and negro Southerners who have to continue to live together. But the penalties from bayonets are not alone for Southerners, white or negro. Although the right of the Federal government to protect its laws against anarchy is beyond question, the whole country must suffer if that power is to be used on the pretext of a day's riot. We are on treacherous ground if we make instant and unquestioned obedience by a community the alternative to feeling the full might and power of the U. S. Army."

This is good cold reasoning, but there is also a consonant Christian principle involved. Paul well stated it in the Book of Philemon. Social progress can achieve the ultimate in Christian idealism through spiritual rather than political means.

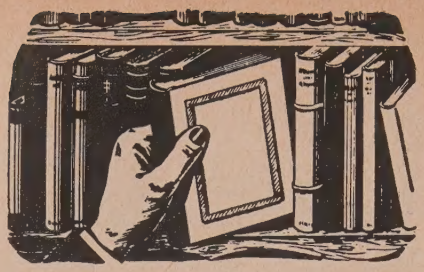
We cringed when the National Council of Churches commended President Eisenhower's handling of the Little Rock crisis. He was unquestionably right from a strictly legal viewpoint, but shall the churches condone the use of armed force to change the social order? Basically, of course, this is what many "social gospel" leaders have counseled in their legislative programs for years. The enforcement of social legislation at gun point is not illogical according to their philosophy. We evangelicals have always insisted that a better society can only come through peaceful application of Christian principles and the working of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men. The time has come for those Christian Americans who believe this to speak out boldly and act accordingly.

The great mass of whites and negroes in the United States who are Christians should not be stampeded by the NAACP or the KKK into riots and bloodshed, the use of military or police force, lawsuits and rabble-rousing situations. If given time, men of wisdom, peace and good spirit can and will work out lawful solutions of their interracial problems.

In the words of the historic pronouncement of the Southern Baptist Convention following the Supreme Court's desegregation decision:

"We urge our people and all Christians to conduct themselves in this period of adjustment in the spirit of Christ. We pray that God may guide us in our thinking and our attitudes to the end that we may help and not hinder the progress of justice and brotherly love; that we may exercise patience and goodwill in the discussions that must take place, and give a good testimony to the meaning of Christian faith and discipleship.

"We urge Christian statesmen and leaders in our churches to use their leadership in positve thought and planning to the end that this crisis in our national history shall not be made the occasion for new and bitter prejudices, but a movement toward a united nation embodying and proclaiming a democracy that will commend freedom to all peoples."



BOOK SHELF

Conducted By

ARNOLD D. EHLERT

"Prayer Can Change Your Life; Experiments and Techniques in Prayer Therapy." William R. Parker and Elaine St. Johns Dare. xvii, 270 pp. Prentice-Hall. $3.50.

It is news when a major university conducts an experiment on prayer along scientific lines. This is what the University of Redlands in California did and this book is the report of the evperiment and its results. The findings are bound to be taken seriously by counselors and pastors and there are suggestions that the laymen can use for himself and others within the circle of his influence.

Some will feel that prayer is not something to experiment with, but most will agree that if this experiment increases the use of real prayer it will be worth while.

What actually happened is that a group of people with real needs in their lives was divided into three sections and each met once a week at the university for a year. There were fifteen volunteers in each group. They were all thoroughly tested at the beginning of the experiment and again at the end. The first section was counseled by psychotherapy methods only, the second advised to pray in a random fashion about their needs, and the third was dealt with on a combined basis of therapy counseling and prayer. The results proved that the latter was the most beneficial and provided real results that showed up in both the final testing and life relationships. A technique is set forth in the book that the authors feel "can change your life anytime, anywhere, at any age" (p. ix). Since this is the first of what may well become a new school of religious-psychological counseling it is too early to criticize it too severely. Perhaps the observation would be pertinent that like many other endeavors it will go in the directions of its promoters so far as their own personal theological backgrounds direct, but the technique itself is one to be studied and watched and doubtless applied within the framework of a sound biblical foundation.

"Prophetic Realism and the Gospel; a Preface to Biblical Theology." John Wick Bowman. 288 pp. Westminster. $4.75.

Dr. Bowman is attempting here to recover a point of view, which he calls prophetic realism, which he equates roughly with the European concept of Heilsgeschichte. This he believes to be "evangelism speaking the terminology of the present day and in the context of modern thought" (p. 13). The content of theology he sees as "revelational theology" which must be held free from man's "cherished limiting categories such as those of time and space, of race or class, or even of creed in the historic sense" (p. 14). The term gospel he tries to establish as equivalent to "the entire content of the prophetic revelation" (ibid.). The gospel "span" reaches from Abraham to Christ (p. 68). The gospel "is the sole theme of the divine revelation and so of Scripture's prophetic realism. There is much more in Scripture than that revelation and there is much besides the gospel. But this 'plus material' is all by the way, so to speak—interesting, no doubt, and informative, but of no normative value" (p. 115).

Certainly it would be folly to criticize an author for putting Christ and the Christian gospel at the center of the biblical message. Some biblical theologians will, however, differ with Dr. Bowman on his definition of the gospel, even though he labors at length to develop it from the Scriptures themselves.

"The Gospels, an Expanded Translation." Kenneth S. Wuest. 320 pp. Eerdmans. $3.50.

For a number of years the professor of New Testament Greek at Moody Bible Institute has been publishing Greek word studies in the *Moody Monthly* and in book form. Here he has put to the practical purpose of paraphrase the results of these studies and we have one of the few expanded translations to apear recently. There is some similarity to the other well-known translations into modern English, but this is at some points more expanded. In addition more attention has been given to the Greek word order, the differences between synonyms, the nuances of the Greek verb, and other distinct pecularities of the original. It is abrupt at points, and helps the reader to catch the ruggedness of some of the Greek constructions. The text is divided into paragraphs but the versification is easily followed.

"Advancing the Smaller Church." W. Curry Mavis. 179 pp. Light and Life Press. $3.00.

Problems of the smaller congregations (150 or less in Sunday School and the morning worship service) are somewhat different from those of the larger churches. The author, who is dean of the John Wesley Seminary Foundation and professor of pastoral work at Asbury Theological Seminary, attacks these problems one by one and gives practical suggestions for discovering and remedying weaknesses. An extensive rating chart is appended to the fourteen chapters.

"Amos, Hosea, and Micah." Norman H. Snaith. 11 pp. Alec R. Allenson. $2.25.

"The Epistle to the Romans." Vincent Taylor. 100 pp. Alec R. Allenson. $2.00.

These two volumes are representative of the new Epworth Preacher's Commentaries series produced in England. Editors of the Old Testament series are Stanley B. Frost and Norman H. Snaith. Heading the New Testament committee are C. Leslie Mitton and Kenneth Grayston. The general editor is Greville P. Lewis.

The commentaries are prepared for the minister but they are for "those who feel themselves ill-equipped to study the more advanced works of scholarship" (General Introduction). What we have here is a highly condensed handbook representing the distillation of the writers who hold to a moderately conservative tradition in the main. Comments are almost verse-by-verse, but very brief. Outlines are helpful. Introductions cover only the most important considerations. These books are hardly adequate for serious study of the Scriptures. Money would be more profitably spent for such books as Lenski and Leupold write, for instance.

"Atlas of the Bible." L. H. Grollenberg. 165 pp. Nelson. $15.00.

This is doubtless the most significant Bible atlas to appear since George Adam Smith's still useful volume, consisting mostly of maps. There are plenty of maps in this one—thirty-five of them to be exact, besides the two end-paper maps, biblical lands and the travels of Paul. The maps are clear and although the print is small in places it is easy to read. The specific locations are indicated by black type and in red type we find descriptive notes about various places, such as "Fertile coastal plain becoming steadily narrower towards the north."

The text is extensive and consists of descriptive notes on many phases of the subject, such as the method of biblical geography, the work of archaeological excavation that forms the basis for much of the ancient geographical reconstruction, and the artifacts themselves.

There are many, many pictures and these are photographic reproductions beautifully done. They are all numbered, and wherever they are mentioned in the text the number appears on the margin, as well as Scripture references.

The book first appeared in Dutch, as the author is a Dutch priest of the Dominican order, and then was translated into French and now English. Dr. Albright and Father de Vaux, both excellent archaeologists, commend the work most heartily in a preface and foreword. Every Bible student will want this book even though it is rather expensive. It will hold the field for a long time.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"The Kingdom Beyond Caste." Liston Pope. xvii, 170 pp. Friendship Press. $3.00 (paper, $1.25). The dean of Yale Divinity School presents here a comprehensive but readable survey of the larger problem of differences between human beings and the problems that they raise in society and particularly the church. Race, color, religion, and other criteria that have divided men are examined in the light of a wide experience and a courageous facing of the facts.

"Onak and the Talking Box." Marie Barham. 189 pp. Moody. $3.00. The story of missionary work and its effects in the Philippines—on the island of Mindoro to be exact. It is an intimate insight into the people and the work and with some changes of identity is a factual account.

"Albert Schweitzer, the Story of His Life." Jean Pierhal. 160 pp. Philosophical Library. $3.00. An apparent abridgement from a German original. This volume is interestingly told and quite profusely illustrated.

"Progress Against Prejudice; the Church Confronts the Race Problem." Robert Root. x, 165 pp. Friendship Press. $2.50 (paper, $1.25). A Christian, and a newspaper reporter, the author became interested in the way the church was handling the race problem after the Supreme Court made its historic decision in 1954. He feels that racialism in its outworkings is sinful. Many experiences and specific situations are presented.

"Song of Songs." R. William Elkins. 37 pp. Vantage. $2.00. A dramatic interpretation with Solomon the King, Selomeh the maiden, and the Shepherd, her lover. A brief introduction precedes the text, apparently the author's own translation or rendering.

"Prayer Book for Children." Dale Evans. Illustrated by Eleanor Dart. Unpaged. Simon and Schuster. $1.00. A Big Golden Book with beautiful colored illustrations and selected prayer verses from famous authors.

"Nervous Christians." L. Gilbert Little. Concluding chapter by Theodore H. Epp. 127 pp. Moody. 35c.

"Names of God in the Old Testament." Nathan J. Stone. 128 pp. Moody. 35c.

"The Bible and Modern Science." Henry M. Morris. 127 pp. Moody. 35c.

"The Way; A Practical Guide to the Christian Life." Godfrey C. Robinson and Stephen F. Winward. 95 pp. Moody. $1.00. Good comprehensive and practical advice on the several aspects of Christian living. Could profitably be put into the hands of a new Christian, or used as a text for a class. There are nine chapters.

"The Problem of History in Mark." James M. Robinson. 95 pp. Alec R. Allenson. $1.75.

"The Servant of God." W. Zimmerli and J. Jeremias. 120 pp. Alec R. Allenson. $2.25. These are the latest numbers (21 and 20) of Studies in Biblical Theology. Both are substantial traetises, quite technical, and both have received recognition, the first by having won a prize in competition sponsored by the Christian Research Foundation, and the second by having been incorporated as an article in a German theological encyclopedia.

"Cross and Crisis in Japan." Charles W. Iglehart. x, 166 pp. Friendship Press. $2.50. An intimate look into the Christian church and at individual Christians in Japan. While only one-half of one per cent of the population, these followers of Christ are exerting an influence far beyond what their numbers would lead one to suspect.

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Evangelical Newsfront

RNS AND E/P REPORTS

United Action

Dr. Bertermann Speaks At Midwest Convention

CHICAGO.—The Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals will hold its annual regional convention at Moody Church, November 7, according to the announcement of Rev. Charles J. Anderson, regional director.

The business session will be held in the afternoon at which time Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr., director of the Evangelical Welfare Agency; Chaplain Louis R. King, chaplain of Chicago's Bridewell Prison and Director Anderson will give their reports.

At 6:30 p.m. the annual banquet will feature an address by Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann of St. Louis, president of the National Religious Broadcasters, Inc., and director of overseas operations of the Lutheran Hour. Dr. Bertermann has just returned from Europe and will have a thrilling message on world conditions.

Dr. Fred P. Thompson, minister of Englewood Christian Church, Chicago is chairman of Convention arrangements.

NAE in Korea Now Has 130,000 Members

SEOUL, Korea.—The National Association of Evangelicals in Korea at its last General Meeting elected the following officers for the current year: Rev. Kyu Oh Cheung (Presbyterian), president; Rev. Chang Keun Kim (Holiness), Rev. Dae Young Lee (Presbyterian) and Hong Kyu Byeun (Methodist), vice presidents; Rev. Soon Bong Sheun (Holiness), general secretary. NAEK now has 130,000 members from seven denominations.

Following the great Summer Prayer Conference at Sam Kack Mountain revival meetings were held in 120 cities with large results. As an outgrowth of this movement the NAEK now has branch offices in thirty locations throughout Korea and is widely known for its evangelical activities.

Anglican Primate Heads Australian Evangelicals

SYDNEY, Australia—An Australian Evangelical Alliance has been formed here by clergy and laymen of various denominations. The Most Rev. H. W. K. Mowll, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, is president (*Action,* October 15).

Aim of the alliance will be to encourage evangelism and "unite all evangelical Christians in the spreading of the Gospel." The group also will prepare for the proposed 1959 Billy Graham crusade in Australia.

An alliance spokesman said it will "seek to foster a United Christion witness but believes that such a witness can only be effective when it is faithful to the basic doctrines of the Christian faith as taught in the Holy Scriptures."

"It will fill a real need in providing a common organization through which evangelical Christians may confer and act together where necessary," he said.

The group will affiliate with the World Evangelical Fellowship which has member organizations in 27 countries.

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Free Churches Meet to Oppose Church Merger

HARTFORD, Conn.—"The Free Churches Face the Future" was the theme of the Fall meeting of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches here on October 15 to 17 in what has been called "one of the most important meetings ever held under Congregationalism."

Its chief purpose was to develop effective strategy to oppose the merger of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church (*Action,* October 15).

The host Church for the three day meeting was South Church which is one of the oldest and largest Congregational churches, founded in 1670 in the tradition of Thomas Hooker.

The Honorable Walter H. Judd, Congressman from the 5th Minnesota District, former medical missionary in China, and an authority on the Orient, addressed the Association on October 15. Other speakers included Rev. George E. Mitchell of Terre Haute, Indiana, Rev. James W. Fifield, Jr., Los Angeles, California, Dr. Alfred Grant Walton of Brooklyn and Dr. Henry David Gray, pastor of the host church.

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Congregationalists Form New York Organization

McKEESPORT, Pa. —(RNS)— The Pennsylvania Association of Congregational Christian Churches was formed here to further the interests of congregations which are opposed to the recent merger of the denomination with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Delegates from about a dozen churches attended the two-day organizational meeting.

Dr. Malcolm K. Burton, pastor of the First Congregational church in Pontiac, Mich., served as adviser. He is executive vice-chairman of the Committee for Continuance of Congregational Christian Churches.

"The purpose is to provide inspiration, mutual counsel and encouragement to those churches which want to remain congregational," Dr. Burton said.

He said similar organizations had been formed in New Hampshire, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, southern California and the Chicago area.

The Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged last June to form the United Church of Christ.

Deposed Bishop Now Red Hungary Offical

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—Dr. John Peter, a deposed Reformed bishop, is a member of the Hungarian Communist government's delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations here.

He was forced to resign as head of the Trans-Tiscian District of the Hungarian Reformed Church last fall when leaders of the denomination ousted Communist collaborators from key posts following last October's abortive revolt.

An extraordinary assembly of Reformed clergymen, held in Budapest immediately after the uprising, called Bishop Peter "the worst kind of Stalinist" and demanded his resignation which he submitted a few weeks later.

Shortly thereafter, the government Premier Janos Kadar issued an official decree naming Dr. Peter president of the Cultural Relations Institute of Hungary.

Dr. Peter was virtually unknown outside of Hungary until the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Ill., in 1954, which he attended as a member of a formed and Lutheran clergymen.

Because of charges that he was a

Soviet agent and an "informer" against his fellow clergymen in Hungary, Dr. Peter emerged as probably the most controversial figure at the Assembly.

Korean Presbyterians To Back World Council

PUSAN, Korea—(RNS)—The 42nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Korea unanimously approved a report expressing continued support and confidence in the World Council of Churches.

But the assembly opposed those in the ecumenical movement who it said are working towards "uniting all denominations and forming a superchurch."

The report was presented by a special eight-man committee named last year to study the ecumenical movement and draw up a policy statement for the church.

"There are two trends of thought among Christians who are promoting the ecumenical movement," the report said, "those who work towards . . . one single Church and . . . those who work towards the object of cooperation among the churches in friendship and service.

"In regard to the ecumenical movement as concerned with friendship and cooperation, in the past as in the present we have been and are taking part and we shall continue to take part. But in regard to the ecumenical movement which aims at one single Church we definitely oppose it."

The Korean Presbyterian body is a strongly conservative group.

Asks Church Membership Be Upped by 26 Millions

PHILADELPHIA—(RNS)— Church membership in the United States actually totals 129,300,000—some 26,000,000 more than records indicate—according to a survey by *Presbyterian Life*, official organ of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, published here.

The *1958 Yearbook of American Churches* places the membership total at 103,224,954, based on figures supplied by the various denominations and faiths.

However, most Protestant bodies included in the yearbook count only those young people and adults who have attained full church membership, all but a small number of these being over thirteen years of age. The Roman Catholic Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church and Lutheran bodies report all baptized members regardless of age.

The *Presbyterian Life* survey included all baptized Protestants even if they are not counted as "official" members because they are too young or they have not sought "official" church membership.

Counting all baptized persons the total Protestant constituency should be 86,250,000, instead of 60,148,980 as reported in the *Yearbook of American Churches,* the survey said.

Figures for Roman Catholics, Jews and other faiths remained the same in the survey as those reported by the yearbook.

chaplaincy

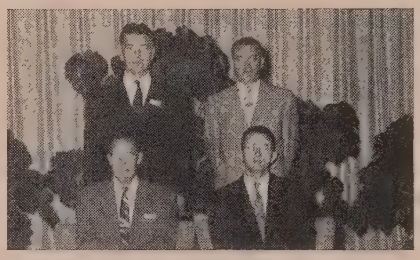
Over 4,000 Attended Religious Services

AUGSBURG, Germany—More Americans are going to church now than ever before in our history. The military congregations are certainly keeping in step, according to US Army Chaplains here.

Over 4,000 attended the Religious Emphasis week planned by Chaplain (Major) Lester E. Burnette, and Chaplain (1 Lt.) Merlin R. Carothers.

Rev. Jack Cochrane, one of America's outstanding evangelists, reached more than 3,200 with evangelistic services and over 100 made decisions for Christ. According to Chaplain Burnette, Group Chaplain, "this week of special religious services has made a great impact upon the people and the results are most satisfying and encouraging."

Special classes and study groups were launched for the new Christians, those making decisions for Christ, by the 504th Blue Devil Chaplains to preserve the fruits of the Revival effort.



CHAPLAINS AT AUGSBURG
Left to Right: Sitting: Lt. Col. Haywood K. Cross, President 1958., 1st Lt. Eugene A. Blitch Jr., 1st Vice President 1958. Standing: Capt. Frederick C. Hoffman, Secretary-Treasurer, Major C. E. Wilch, 2nd Vice President.

Rev. Bill Hamm, European Representative of the *Navigators,* conducted special classes each night before the Protestant Evangelistic Service, emphasizing the techniques of winning men and women to Christ.

sunday school

Chicago Convention Has 1,021 Delegates

CHICAGO.—The 1957 annual Sunday School Convention sponsored by the Chicago Association, was held September 20-21 in the Moody Church. A total of 1,021 registered for the workshops with a host of additional guests attending the general and evening sessions.

The convention program included 54 workshops; 34 exhibit spaces were occupied; the four general sessions featured Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Miss Eugenia Price, and criminal court Judge Elmer Holmgren, both of Chicago. This year's theme was, "Who Is Responsible for Johnny?" and was related to the workshops and platform messages. Special greetings were received and read from Chicago's mayor, Richard Daley, Billy Graham and J. Edgar Hoover.

Six hundred people jammed the final session at the convention banquet to see and hear the unique dramatized program, "The Unfolding of Four Sunday School Mysteries." It had been designed and was directed by commercial artist Stan Keldsen with the use of huge props. Assistants were Dr. Clarence E. Fast, executive director of the Chicago Association, Mr. Clifford Raad, superintendent of the Judson Baptist Church in Oak Park and Dr. Clate A. Risley of the National Association.

public affairs

Graham Predicts Race Friendship in South

NEW YORK—(R N S)—Evangelist Billy Graham predicted here that at some future time interracial friendship in the South would be the "best anywhere."

"There is a foundation of affection and love because of the close contact between the races there," he said, "that will make race relations in the South ultimately better than anywhere else in the country."

The evangelist made his comments at a news conference after addressing more than 1,500 Protestant ministers at a breakfast here.

Mr. Graham told the clergymen that "all thinking Southerners" were appalled at the recent violence in Little Rock, Ark., over school integration.

Most of the residents of the city, he said, were not involved in the "tragedy" at Central High School where Negro children had been barred by segregationists.

Though Southerners may be opposed to integration they are just as strongly against violence, the evangelist declared.

Evangelical Church Takes Religion Poll

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—A spiritual survey, sponsored by the radio ministry of the North Syracuse Baptist Church, was conducted through the "CHRIST AT NOON" exhibit in the Horticultural Building at the New York State Fair. The motif of the booth was a huge question mark with vari-colored lights and the question printed, "Do You Have the Answer?" This outreach was under the direction of Miss Mayre Gelsomini, assistant to the Pastor Ernest L. Laycock of the North Syracuse Baptist Church. Over 1,800 participated in the survey and thousands of pamphlets "Life's Most Important Questions" were distributed.

In response to the first question, "Do you believe that there is a personal God?" 1,763 replied "Yes"; 81, "No"; 48, "Uncertain". To the second question, "Do you believe that the Bible is God's message to man?" 1,739 answered "Yes"; 40, "No"; 29, "Uncertain". To the third question "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?" 1,737 said, "Yes"; 32, "No"; 37, "Uncertain". To the fourth question, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, rose again,

and lives to be your personal Lord and Saviour?" 1,757 indicated, "Yes; 36, "No"; 56, "Uncertain". In answer to the last question, "Do you believe that you will go to heaven when you die?" 1,183 replied, "Yes"; 76, "No"; and 584, "Uncertain".

Flushing Remonstrance Religious Freedom Stamp

FLUSHING, N. Y.—(E/P)—The U. S. Post Office is reconsidering the issuance of a special stamp to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the signing of the Flushing Remonstrance, the Magna Carta of religious tolerance in America. If the stamp is issued it will be released on December 27, the actual date on which the Remonstrance, a two-page document, was signed by 30 Flushing and Jamaica, New York, freeholders in 1657.

The Flushing "remonstrators" were part of the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, with Peter Stuyvesant as governor. He had ordered the colonists not to give shelter or succor to the Quakers, whom he regarded as the "subversives" of his day. The Remonstrance was a protest against Stuyvesant's order, particularly as it concerned the rights of all religious minorities. The 300th anniversary of the signing of the Remonstrance was officially observed on October 10 by a proclamation by Governor Harriman, with special ceremonies at Browne House in Flushing.

Last September all New York State agencies used a special postage meter seal on all letters sent out. Another cancellation slogan reading: "Flushing Remonstrance, 1657-1957. Origin Religious Freedom in America" has been used by Flushing post offices since last June. It is expected that some 50 million letters will have received the slogan imprint before its use is discontinued on December 31.

Oklahomans Vote on County Option, Dec. 3

OKLAHOMA CITY—(RNS)—Oklahomans will go to the polls Dec. 3 and decide whether they favor county option elections on 3.2 beer in the state.

The special referendum was set by Gov. Raymond Gary after the Oklahoma Supreme Court denied a request of the beer industry for a rehearing on petitions from the United Dry Association asking for such an election.

County option will be the only question on the Dec. 3 ballot.

Dr. Stanley Niles, executive secretary of the United Drys, said his church-backed group will conduct a wide campaign for county option.

Mississippi Churches May Operate Schools

JACKSON, Miss.—(RNS)—Suggestions that the churches operate private schools in Mississippi should integration be forced on the state came from a rural minister and from at least one newspaper.

The *Hattiesburg, American* said editorially that the churches could take over the school systems and even rent the present school buildings.

Dr. Gilbert Oliver, pastor of First Methodist church in Forest, said that "if we must abandon our fine public school buildings, the churches ought to open the doors of their educational buildings for the operation of schools as we know them."

"Many people have conspired to create a feeling of guilt in the minds of southern people in regard to their way of life," he said. "But I can assure you that you don't need to be burdened by a guilty conscience over this matter.

"Segregation of the races is not—as we have been told—evil, unchristian, barbaric . . . .

"Has the Supreme Court displaced God? Have the decisions of the Supreme Court become final authority in all matters, social, private or otherwise?

"The Supreme Court is not the conscience of the nation. Neither is it the highest authority in right and wrong, good and bad. It never was, and never will be . . . ."

California Churches Oppose Loyalty Oath

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Four California Protestant churches have asked the Supreme Court to declare unconstitutional a state law requiring a loyalty oath from religious and charitable organizations as a condition for tax exemption. They are appealing a 4-3 California Supreme Court decision which upheld the oath.

The petitioners are First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles; People's Church of San Fernando Valley; First Methodist church of San Leandro; and First Unitarian Church of Berkeley.

The Orange Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends (Quakers) in Pasadena filed an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief stating the opposition of Quakers to the law and asking that it be held invalid.

The law prescribes that organizations applying for tax exemption must sign an oath that they do not and will not advocate the overthrow of the governments of the United States or of California by force, violence or other unlawful means, or support of a foreign government against the USA in the event of hostilities.

Bingo Ruled Illegal In State of Colorado

DENVER—(RNS)—Attorney General Duke Dunbar ruled here that bingo games—even those conducted to raise funds for religious and charitable purposes—must be construed as gambling and therefore are illegal under the Colorado constitution.

The ruling was sought by State Rep. Ben Klein, Denver Democrat, after a law enforcement crackdown closed church bingo games in this area.

Mr. Klein said he would ask the legislature to put on the 1958 ballot a constitutional amendment to exempt games operated by religious and charitable groups from the gambling ban.

New York Churches Oppose Bingo Law

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—More than 2,000 Protestant churches over the state held anti-bingo Sunday observances prior to the November election.

Special sermons and other events

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● LOS ANGELES TWIN Convention of the National Sunday School Association registered 3,500 delegates and attendance topped the 7,000 mark, October 9-11. Larry Ward will give a full-length news report in our November 15 issue.

● A TAXPAYER'S SUIT has been filed in the New York State Supreme Court to prevent the New York City authorities from accepting bids on property in Lincoln Square Project from Fordham University and St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church. Harris L. Present, counsel for the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce, filed the suit. (See *Action*, February 1).

● LIQUOR BARONS are preparing a barrage of high-priced advertising to "put liquor back into Christmas." An unprecedented, all-out campaign costing $7,000,000 seeks to build a $350,000-000-plus holiday market for the poisonous stuff, according to the Methodist Board of Temperance.

● RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS observance at the University of Washington has been banned by State Attorney General John J. O'Connell. The traditional "Week" was branded as "in conflict with constitutional restrictions on the teaching of creeds, beliefs and doctrines in state supported institutions." Rev. Frank T. Roach of the Seattle Evangelical Ministers' Association has filed a complaint in the Federal Court charging "prohibition of the free exercise of religion and an abridgement of freedom of speech."

● DR. BILLY GRAHAM has accepted an invitation to conduct an evangelistic crusade in Australia in 1959. The announcement has been made by the noted evangelical Dr. H. W. K. Mowll, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia.

● NAE LEADERS will gather in Hotel Sherman, Chicago, November 4 and 5 for their semi-annual meeting of the Association's Board of Administration.

● CONGREGATIONAL PROTEST against the merger of the Congregational Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church is further highlighted in the election of Dr. George B. Bohman as moderator of the new National Association of Congregational Churches at Hartford, Conn., in mid-October and the election of Rev. Alfred C. Abrahamson as president of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference at West Williamsfield, Ohio in mid-September. The two groups represent hundreds of churches which have voted not to enter the merger.

were planned in a statewide compaign against a proposed constitutional amendment that would legalize bingo on a local option basis for churches and fraternal organizations. The amendment will go before the voters Nov. 5.

Protestant clergymen and leading laymen in every area of New York state are fully aware of the dangers inherent in the bingo proposals. Protestants believe passage of the amendment would bring with it the "seeds of professional gambling" and also "undermine church stewardship and charitable giving."

The measure has been termed "class legislation" that would "allow churches and certain groups to participate in activities which are illegal for other persons."

Education

Malone, Nation's Newest Quaker College, Opened

CANTON, O.—(E/P)—Malone College, the nation's newest privately controlled, church related institution of higher learning, opened its doors last September on a 54-acre campus at Canton, Ohio, but not without a struggle.

Formerly the Cleveland Bible College, it was renamed last year after the trustees had decided to convert it into a liberal arts institution. Meanwhile, the Cleveland campus, which was feeling the squeeze of business expansion, was sold and plans were made for the move to Canton, 60 miles to the south, where there was neither a college nor a junior college.

Cleveland business expansion, which seemed to be crushing the college, turned out to be a boon. The property was sold for almost $1,000,000, or five times its cost ten years earlier.

There was, however, a financial squeeze between the time the Canton property was bought and the Cleveland land sold. Dr. Byron L. Osborne, Malone president, was caught without funds and with 250 students anxious to enter a new college that had not even been begun. He made door-to-door calls to get enough money to start construction. Ground was broken last November and the doors of six new buildings were opened for students with the beginning of the school year last September.

The new dean is Dr. Ronald D. Jones, director of teacher training at Wheaton College. The registrar is Dr. Roger L. Wood, assistant chief of reading-improvement services at the University of Michigan. Dr. Donald D. Starr, formerly of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, is head of the new science division.

The primary goal of the development plan, according to Dr. Osborne, is a "fully accredited Christian liberal arts college" to serve the community of Canton and the constituency of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, which sponsors the college. The college was founded in 1892 as Friends Bible Institute and Training School.

New Dormitory Is Under Construction at Taylor

UPLAND, Ind.—A preliminary drive for funds for the new Taylor University dormitory and food service center now under construction on the campus, has been successful. Construction of the first building, in a five million dollar expansion program, is being facilitated in part by a loan from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. However, these funds will not underwrite total construction costs, or provide furnishings.

The new building, of ultra modern construction, will be completed by May 1, 1958 and will enable Taylor to serve 176 additional youth. The dining facilities include a modern kitchen and a circular dining room, seating 600 people and a private dining room seating 100 more. The large dining space will be without inter support and the 25 feet high walls will be of glass.

The Taylor enrollment is at its peak this year. Many applications had to be refused due to limited facilities. Every facility in the area is being used to house students until the new building can be put into use.

Concordia Seminary Enrolls 550 Students

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The 120th academic year of Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, was officially opened as more than 900 people gathered for a worship service in the seminary quadrangle.

The new year opened with approximately 550 students on campus. The liberal arts courses formerly taught at Concordia Seminary will move this year to the new Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. As a result, this year, for the first time in its history, the seminary will not have an entering class. The revised curriculum will bring students to the seminary with a B.A. degree, and they will follow a four year program of study, including one year of supervised, practical work in a parish. Also, beginning with this academic year, the seminary will convert from a semester academic calendar to the quarter system.

DTS Enrollment Sets New Record

DALLAS, Tex.—Dallas Theological Seminary set three enrollment records with the fall semester 1957-58 registrations as it began its 34th year, chief of which was the total student body enrollment of 296 men.

Other records are the 87 new students in all classifications, which is the largest entering class, and the 84 first-

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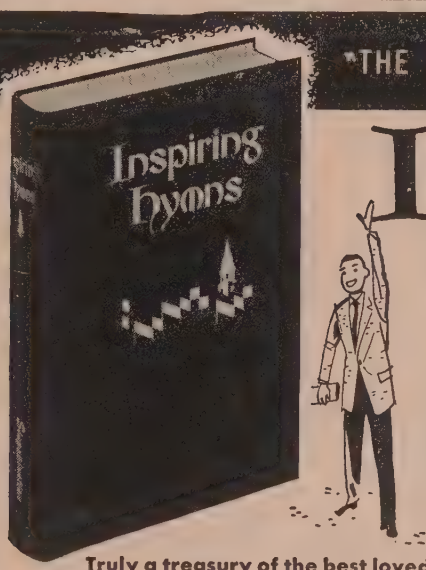

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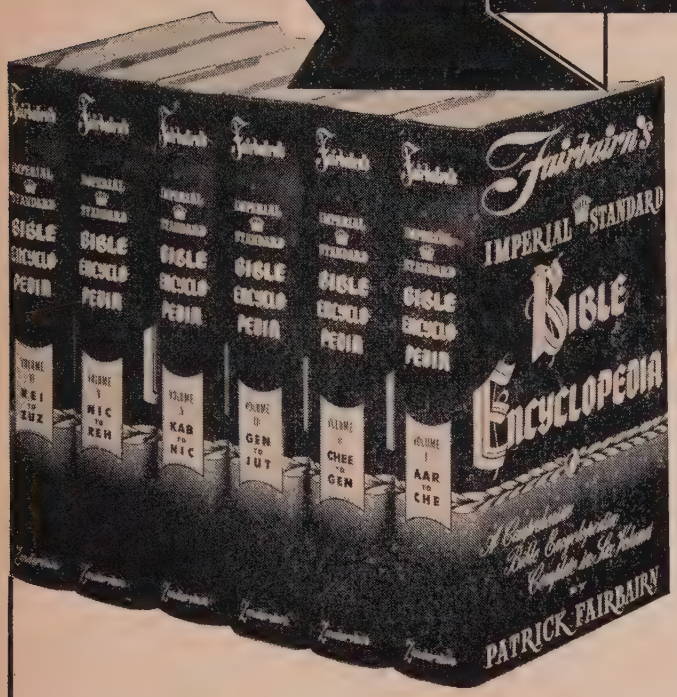

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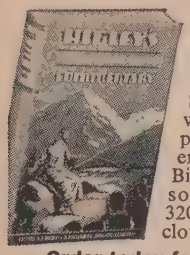

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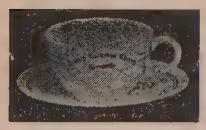

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Large Estate Bought For NEST Expansion

BOSTON, Mass.—The Board of Regents of the New England School of Theology has announced the moving of the School from its present quarters in Brookline.

About a month ago a 64-acre estate located at Lenox, Mass., and in the beautiful Berkshire hills was brought to the attention of the Board. The mansion house which is the main building was built in 1929 and is in excellent condition throughout, with fireproofing between each floor. In addition to the main building there are other structures which will lend themselves to remodeling as a chapel, library and dormitory. The change was necessary because of the growth of the school.

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BBI Enrolls 245 In Twentieth Year

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The Buffalo Bible Institute began its 20th year with a student body of 245. President Everett S. Graffam reports that students are registered from five states and two foreign countries. The Institute has leased two floors of a nearby apartment house to serve temporarily as a Men's dormitory until the facilities of the new campus in Ebenezer are made ready. The registration for day school is 98 and for the evening school is 147.

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Evangelism Conference Sponsored by Christians

DALLAS, Tex. — The 1957 Texas Christian Convention and Conference on Evangelism, sponsored by Dallas Christian College, will meet here November 5-7 in the newly-acquired property of DCC, Carroll at San Jacinto.

Among the speakers will be Reuben Anderson, minister of First Christian Church, Long Beach, Calif., and Max Hickerson, minister of Central Christian Church, Rockford, Ill. The convention theme will be "How Shall They Share Glad Tidings," based on Rom. 10:13-17.

Pacific Garden Mission Eightieth Anniversary

CHICAGO — Approximately 2,500 persons helped Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, celebrate its 80th anniversary at a rally in Conrad Hilton Hotel on October 13. The Mission, two blocks away from the Michigan Avenue hotel in a Skid Row district of the Windy City, is the nation's second oldest, the McAuley Water Street Mission, New York City, being older by five years.

Prior to the rally message by Vance Havner, Superintendent Harry G. Saulnier announced that in the Mission's 80th year over 8,000 persons had made professions of faith in Christ in the men's and women's divisions and in the Servicemen's Center. Total attendance at mission gospel meetings was 180,909 and 122,959 meals were served to Skid Row victims.

"God has burdened our hearts increasingly to do a bigger job on Skid Row and to reach out to up-and-outers," Saulnier reported. "As a result, the 'Old Lighthouse' is in the midst of an expansion program that will enable us more effectively to carry on our around-the-clock soul-winning program." Pointing out that there are nights during winter months that men must be turned away because of lack

of beds, the superintendent said that an additional building which has been obtained and is being renovated will increase dormitory space from 85 to 210 beds. The new mission dining room will accommodate 350, tripling the capacity of the present dining hall, and the mission auditorium will be doubled in size to accommodate 350.

Cost of the remodeling program will run approximately $420,000, Saulnier reported, and $260,000 must still be raised before the project can be completed.

Annual budget of the mission, exclusive of the remodeling fund, is $240,000. This includes $57,000 for the radio ministry of the Mission's "Unshackled!" program, a unique, real life drama featuring mission converts' stories and heard on 150 stations in the United States and 11 foreign stations.

Radio-TV

Assemblies "Deplore" NCC's Radio Policies

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in its 27th biennial convention, voted a resolution "deplorng" action of the National Council of Churches in discouraging sale of radio time for religious broadcasting.

The resolution was part of a report of the Assemblies of God Radio Committee on Revivaltime, the denomination's weekly radio voice. The program is carried on the American Broadcasting Company network Sunday evenings at 10:30 from the international headquarters in Springfield, Mo.

The resolution also requested commendation for ". . . the (radio) industry for sustaining time granted to religious broadcasts, and . . . further encourage the making available of commercial time by the industry for programs of acceptable broadcast quality."

The resolution added: "We deplore the statement made by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches in which they seek to discourage the Industry's sale of time for the release of religious broadcasts, encouraging rather the carrying of selected programs on a sustained basis, as being inconsistent with the traditional American principle of free enterprise."

Officials of the Assemblies of God pointed out that adoption of the National Council of Churches' recommendation might result in barring some denominations from radio and television time. The Assemblies of God is not a member of the Council of Churches. However, the denomination is an active member of the NAE.

The convention also voted to "recommend that the National Religious Boadcasters Association be commended for their pronouncement released to the industry in which the right to buy commercial time for release of gospel broadcasting was urgently requested."

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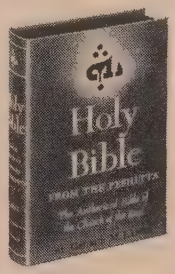

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Station Abandons Plan to Drop Religious Broadcasts

WICHITA, Kans.—As a result of widespread protests Radio Station KANS here has abandoned a plan to drop religious broadcasts.

The protests came after Rev. G. A. Gough, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene here, announced that his weekly service "would be cut off the air" after eight years of continuous broadcasting.

He said Frank Lynch, manager of the station, had told him that "we are cutting all religious programming off KANS because Wichita is demanding a new concept in radio and that concept does not include religion."

"I can't believe that our city has sunk so low that it doesn't want God or religion," the clergyman said.

"I just can't believe that thousands of people in care homes, hospitals and religious people who are unable to attend the church of their choice would rather listen all day Sunday to Elvis Presley and 'Hound Dog,' the Coasters and 'The Idol With the Golden Head,' or Little Richard and 'Rock Around the Clock' than have a chance to warm their hearts at the altar of God."

After the clergyman's broadcast, Mr. Lynch and the station were swamped with telephone calls, wires and letters of protest. Mr. Gough was informed by the station that his program would be continued and indications were that KANS would not go ahead with its plan to end religious broadcasts.

Milwaukee Rally Launches 25th Lutheran Hour Year

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—(RNS)—The international "Lutheran Hour" began its 25th year of broadcasting at a rally attended by about 7,000 persons in the Auditorium here.

Rev. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann of New York, regular Lutheran Hour speaker, and Rev. E. R. Bertermann, St. Louis, director of overseas operations, announced plans for continued expansion of the program, already the most extensive religious broadcast in the world.

It is heard in 53 languages over more than 1,250 network and independent stations around the world. On the platform at the rally were the flags of 53 countries which receive the program regularly.

Pastor Hoffmann, public relations director of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, said the one glory of the Lutheran Hour was "the gospel of Jesus Christ which it has preached with unswerving purpose."

Dr. Bertermann said plans were being made for spreading the program to even more countries. He made a special plea for financial support to make possible its extension in Africa.

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Mennonites Rehabilitate Indonesian Church Work

TOBELO, Indonesia—A team of Mennonites from the United States and Canada began a project here to rehabilitate coconut plantations and reactivate a local hospital.

The group of six came here at the invitation of the 35,000-member Christian Church of Halmahera, Morotai. They were appointed by the Mennonite Central Committee of Akron, Pa.

Tobelo is located on the "spice island" of Halmahera. The Christian community, about one third of the island's population, is an outgrowth of Protestant missionary activity launched by a Dutch Reformed group in 1866.

Under Dutch leadership the Church established parochial schools, a hospital and leprosarium serving about 50,000 persons in the area, and coconut plantations which financed its mission program.

Dutch missionaries left the island when Indonesia became independent of Netherlands rule in 1949. The Halmahera Church, which also became an independent body, inherited the properties but did not have the trained personnel to operate them with maximum efficiency.

The Mennonite team of four Americans and two Canadians will seek to put the properties on a smoothly-operating basis.

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Sixth Annual E.L.O. Conference Dec. 9-12

LINCOLN, Neb.—Plans are maturing for the next ELO Conference to be held at the Back to the Bible Broadcast headquarters here Dec. 9-12.

Among the speakers will be J. Oswald Sanders, Director of the China Inland Mission; Harold J. Kregel, organizing sponsor of LEE, the new literature fellowship of Spain; David Woodward, Christian Witness Press and DENGTA, Hong Kong; Bob Searing, CMA manager of an effective bookstore operation in Colombia.

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Ruth St. Denis Dances In Episcopalian Church

WINCHESTER, Mass.—(R N S)—Ruth St. Denis danced in a New England church for the first time in her 51-year career when an overflow crowd at the parish hall of The Church of the Epiphany, Episcopal, caused her program to be moved into the sanctuary itself. Packed and hushed pews watched the celebrated 79-year-old dancer.

When it became apparent that the attendance was going to be too large for the parish hall Dr. John W. Ellison, rector, obtained permission from Bishop Anson Phelps Stokes and the senior warden of his church for the program to be staged in the sanctuary.

Dr. Ellison told the audience that "the church is probably a more fitting place for (the dance program) anyway." Noting that Miss St. Denis had founded the Society of Spiritual Arts he stressed the important place rhythm has played in ritual.

He introduced Miss St. Denis by reading the 150th Psalm which has the lines: "Praise God in his sanctuary . . . praise him with timbrel and dance."

Mennonites to Discuss Church-State Relations

AKRON, Pa.—More than 70 churchmen from several branches of the Mennonite Church will meet in Chicago Nov. 15-16 to discuss "The Christian Responsibility to the State."

The announcement was made here by J. Harold Sherk, executive secretary of the peace section of the Mennonite Central Committee which is sponsoring the conference.

It will be the first time in many years that the subject has been discussed on an inter-Mennonite level. Although Mennonites traditionally

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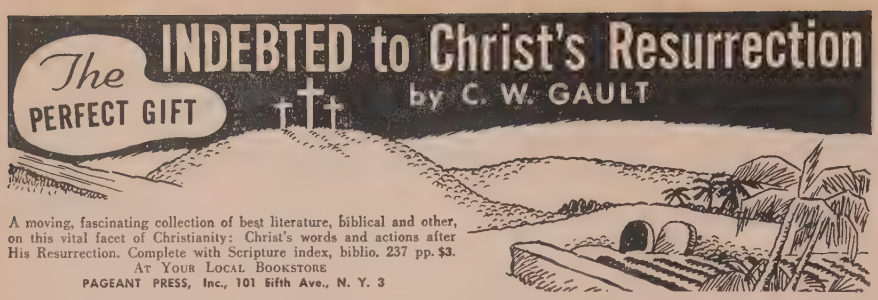

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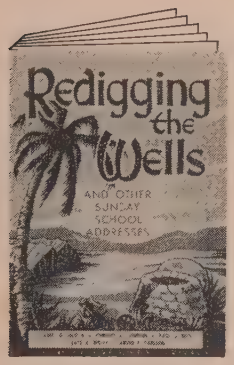

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United Presbyterians Withdraw Fellowship

EVERETT, Wash.—(R N S)—First United Presbyterian church here voted to sever all connections with its denomination to avoid union with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

The vote at a called congregational meeting of the 425-member church was by an overwhelming majority.

Dr. Robert B. Brown, pastor, said the congregation wanted to "continue the testimony of the United Presbyterian Church."

The United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. are scheduled to merge in May, 1958. The new denomination created will be called the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

In Pittsburgh, Pa., an official of the United Presbyterian Church said the Everett congregation was the only one in the country that had voted to withdraw from the denomination because of the merger.

Before coming to the Everett church in 1949, Dr. Brown was pastor of Orthodox Presbyterian congregations in Omaha and Los Angeles.

Personalia

Charles R. Tournay, well-known in African and American mission circles, has been appointed deputation secretary of Evangelical Literature Overseas. He will be in charge of the new Canadian office at St. Catherines, Ontario.

C. Thomas Spitz, Jr., director of American operations for the Lutheran Hour, is making an eight-week survey of South America looking toward an expansion program in that area.

Irvin Grubbs, key man in CBFMS missionary work among the Kurku tribes of India, died in Stockton, Calif., suddenly of a heart attack.

H. McAlister Griffiths, ecclesiastical counsel for Dr. J. Gresham Machen, when Machen was tried by the Presbyterian Church in the USA, died in Horace Harding Hospital, Elmhurst, Queens, N. J., recently. He was a cofounder of the Bible Presbyterian Church but in recent years left the ministry, became a member of the Episcopal Church and a public relations consultant. Dr. Griffiths was the first general secretary of the American Council of Christian Churches.

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Donn Moomaw, former all-American lineback for UCLA, has become an assistant minister in First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, Calif. He was converted by Campus Crusade for Christ during his senior year at UCLA.

Paul Lindell, general director of the World Mission Prayer League, left September 24 for Europe and Asia. Before returning to the States next June he will visit Norway, Denmark, Pakistan, Germany, Egypt, Iraq, India, Nepal, Siam, Indonesia, Hong Kong and Japan.

Harold B. Kuhn and his wife, Anne W. Kuhn are serving as Guest Professors in Union Biblical Seminary, Yeotmal, India during the current semester. Dr. Kuhn, of Wilmore, Kentucky, has been granted a term's leave-of-absence for this purpose by Asbury Theological Seminary, where he is professor of Philosophy of Religion. At Union Biblical Seminary, he is offering courses in his usual field, and Mrs. Kuhn in English and Sociology. Sixteen Evangelical bodies of India cooperate in the program of Union Biblical Seminary, which is the training institution for ministers endorsed by the Evangelical Fellowship of India. Dr. and Mrs. Kuhn will return to Asbury Theological Seminary about January 1.

Book Shelf

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"A Critique of the Theory of Vital Atonement." James Albert Nichols. xi, 94 pp. Vantage. $2.50. This book is an answer to Clarence H. Hewitt's **Vital Atonement** published in 1946. Both authors represent viewpoints in the Advent Christian Denomination. The present author holds out for the "ethical-substitionary" position.

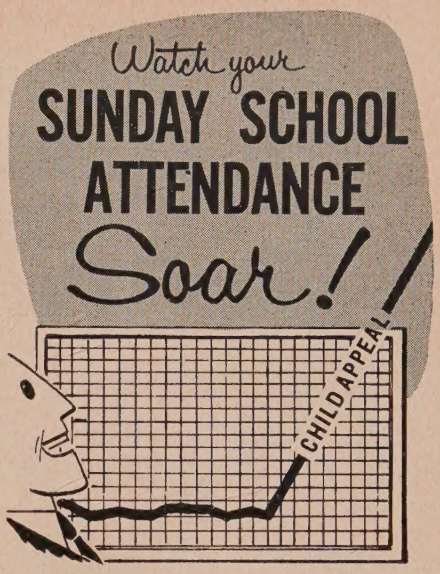
"The Small Woman." Alan Burgess. 256 pp. Dutton. $3.95. A most fascinating story of a frail but hardy English woman who went to China and worked there for the Lord amid hardships and danger almost inconceivable. Miraculously delivered from death many times, she ministered to the sick and dying and among her converts was the chief Mandarin philosopher of one district.

"The Pacemakers." Arnold T. Olson. 159 pp. Board of Publications, Evangelical Free Church of America, Minneapolis. $2.50. The story of six converts to Christianity in the Book of Acts.

"Through the Valley." Harold E. Kohn. 172 spiritual truths gleaned from the out-of-doors by the pastor of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, Michigan, who has also illustrated the volume with many drawings.

"The Book of Revelation, A New Translation of the Apocalypse." J. B. Phillips. 50 pp. Macmillan. $2.00. With this volume the Phillips translation of the entire New Testament is completed. He found things a bit different in the last book of the Bible with its abominable Greek, bu he has come out with a pleasing translation not too radically different from the King James. A few strange things are encountered, such as 'Animal' for 'Beast.'

"Bible Doctrine, a Junior High Workbook on the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Unit Two: Book One." Dorothy Partington Anderson. 214 pp. Committee on Christian Education, Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia 2, Pa. $1.50 (Teacher's manual, $1.65 and answer manual, 35c). This manual covers questions 39 to 87 in fifteen lessons. Useful for special catechism classes or Sunday evening young people's societies.



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Clarence Birkey, foreign missions secretary of the Missionary Church Association, will leave November 20 for a deputation trip to Sierre Lonne.

C. Thomas Spitz, Jr., director of Pan American operation of The Lutheran Hour, is on an eight-week survey of radio operations in South America. Director Spitz will visit every country in South America except French Guiana.

C. Elwood Wilson has assumed the duties of business manager of Missionary Communication Services, Los Angeles. He is a former business manager of one of Minnesota's state schools. He is a brother of George M. Wilson, business manager of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

W. Barry Garrett, Jr., editor of the *Baptist Beacon,* Phoenix, Ariz., has been named associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington.

Wes Auger, after twenty years in the general evangelistic field, will become pastor of the church on the Boca Raton (Florida) Bible Conference grounds. He will also serve in youth meetings and rallies scheduled at the Boca Raton.

James DeForest Murch has been chosen national chairman of the Enlargement Program of Kentucky Christian College. The campaign opened at KCC November 1 with a rally addressed by Dr. Frank G. Dickey, president of the University of Kentucky and Dr. Edwin Hayden, editor of the *Christian Standard.*

Dale Cryderman has been elected by the Board of Administration of the Free Methodist Church to succeed Dr. Ernest Keasling as General Superintendent of Free Methodist Youth. Mr. Cryderman was formerly Director of Youth for Christ, International in Japan.

Louis T. Talbot, Chancellor of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles marks his twenty-fifth year of broadcasting the Gospel message on November 16. Dr. Talbot began his radio ministry over a Southern California outlet, expanded to a network of stations. His present broadcast is known as "The Bible Institute Hour."

Ed. Reis, former representative of the Navigators in Minneapolis-St. Paul, has arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, to serve as an evangelist in the Mau Mau detention camps.

George L. Ford and **Clyde W. Taylor,** will spend seven days touring the three states of Missouri Kansas and Nebraska in the interests of the National Association of Evangelicals, December 3-9. Rev. Mahlon Macy, Central Regional Director, will direct the tour.

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